

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.507]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Collection

Abstract: Over 1,200 fire insurance maps for Missouri created by the Sanborn Map Company covering 1883-1951.

Extent: 0.63 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: Paper; Microfiche

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks; Reference Room

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: See Container List

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: Standard copyright rules apply

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Sanborn Map Company was founded in New York in 1867 by Daniel Alfred Sanborn (1827-1883) under the name D.A. Sanborn National Insurance Diagram Bureau. Sanborn was a mapmaker who pioneered the idea of fire insurance maps using color-coding to indicate building materials. Based on the maps, insurance company actuaries would evaluate the risk of fire and write their policies accordingly. The maps have historical value beyond building materials as they provide locations by name of businesses, schools, government agencies and more.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

None

Additional External Resources

Kansas City Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps at the Kansas City Public Library:

<https://kchistory.org/sanborn-maps/>

Missouri Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps at the University of Missouri-Columbia Special Collections: <https://exhibits.lib.missouri.edu/collections/show/43>

Missouri Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps at the Library of Congress:

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn/>

St. Louis 1904 World's Fair Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps at Washington University:

<http://digital.wustl.edu/w/whi/browse1904.html>

Whipple Fire Insurance Maps for St. Louis at Washington University:

<http://digital.wustl.edu/d/dir/>

SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS, 1883-1951

Extent: 0.63 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: Alphabetical by town

Scope and Content

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Missouri. The covers of both paper maps are stained and damaged. Some maps in the microfiche series may be under copyright.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	OB51	13	Conway , Laclede County (cover, 1 page). Also available digitally through University of Missouri here .	February 1916
	OB51	14	Louisiana , Pike County (cover, 10 pages). Also available digitally through University of Missouri here .	March 1917
Reference Room Microfilm Room			<p>Microfiche: alphabetical by town for many towns and cities. Microfiche is black and white, so detail regarding building structure (which is color-coded) will be lost. The original maps were loaned to the Archives for filming in 1981-1982. The originals were returned to the University of Missouri-Columbia Special Collections and in exchange for filming the maps, the Missouri State Archives retained a copy of the microfiche. There are a total of 1,283 maps (10,351 sheets).</p> <p>For a complete listing of the maps, see the Special Collections finding aid online here.</p> <p>All maps from 1883-1922 were digitized in the subsequent years by the University of Missouri. These 6,798 maps are in color and may be found online here.</p>	1883-1951